

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2014

March 25, 2014	First day to circulate petitions for new political party and independent candidates (90 days before last day to file).
May 4, 2014	Last day for judges seeking retention to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State.
May 5, 2014	Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of Illinois Constitution (minimum 298,400 signatures). Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections (minimum 298,400 signatures).
June 2, 2014	Last day for established party managing committee appointee to file appropriate documents when no candidate was nominated at the general primary.
June 9, 2014	Last day to file objections to resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by an established party managing committee when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary.
June 16-23, 2014	Petition filing period for candidates of new political parties and independent candidates to file nominating petitions (141-134 days prior to the General Election)
June 30, 2014	Last day for filing objections to the nominating petitions for independent and new party candidates who filed June 16-23, 2014. Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more <i>incompatible offices</i> during the June 16-23, 2014 filing period (filed with 5 business days after last day for filing).
July 2, 2014	Last day to conduct lottery for June 16-23, 2014 filing period 8:00 a.m. simultaneous filers(conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing).
August 4, 2014	Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply) 92 days prior to election.
August 6, 2014	First day any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the E/A for an official ballot (90 days prior to the primary).

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August 18, 2014

Last day for local governing boards to adopt resolution or ordinance **for a binding/advisory public question** (79 days prior to election).

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow **advisory** public questions to appear on the ballot (79 days prior to election).

August 21, 2014

Last day for established parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring on or after the primary (not for failure to nominate at primary) for congressional, legislative and representative offices. Resolutions are filed with the principal office of the SBE.

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination for congressional, legislative and representative offices. Resolutions are filed in the principal office of the SBE

August 22, 2014

Certification of General Election Ballot by SBE (74 days prior to election)

Last day for new party and independent candidates who filed nomination papers with the SBE to file withdrawal of nomination papers

August 27, 2014

Last day for established parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring on or after the primary (not for failure to nominate at primary) in county offices.

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination for county offices

Last day for county clerk to certify general election candidates to boards of election commissioners (certify referenda August 28, 2014)

August 28, 2014

Certification of General Election ballot by county clerk.

Last day for circuit clerk and local election officials to certify binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority(ies) having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.

Last day for new party and independent candidates for county offices to file withdrawal of nomination papers.

Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by an established party with the State Board of

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Elections (vacancies that occur on or after primary and before certification).

Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party with the State Board of Elections.

September 4, 2014

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authorities.

Last day to file objections with the county clerk to resolutions to fill a vacancy in nomination by an established party managing committee (vacancies that occurred after primary and before certification).

Last day to file objections with county clerk to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party when the vacancy occurred before certification.

September 19, 2014

Last day for E/A to have ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians (46 days prior to the election)

September 25, 2014

October 6, 2014

Last day for citizens of the U.S. temporarily residing outside U.S. who aren't registered by are otherwise qualified to vote to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and absentee ballot and last day for election authority to mail the ballot.

October 7, 2014

Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.

October 8, 2014

First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace period voting may be done by mail at the discretion of the election authority (begins at the close of registration and continues until 7:00 PM on Election Day).

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October 20, 2014	First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose (begins 15th day preceding election and extends through the 2nd day prior to an election).
October 27, 2014	Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. Service, spouse and dependents to make application for an absentee ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot (not less than 10 days before the election). Last day for nonresident civilian citizen and any citizen of the U.S. temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot and the last day for election authority to mail an official ballot containing federal offices only (not less than 10 days before the election).
October 30, 2014	Last day for the election authority to receive an application for an absentee ballot by mail from any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. and for the election authority to mail such ballot (5th day before election).
November 2, 2014	Last day for early voting in the office of the election authority and at locations designated by the election authority.
November 3, 2014	Last day to make application in person to vote an absentee ballot.
November 4, 2014	Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority and at permanent polling places for early voting.